GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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PROTECTION OF TOURIST SITES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any concrete steps have been initiated to protect tourist sites of the country due to high tourist inflow during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) & (b): The conservation, preservation, structural repairs, environmental development and provision of visitors' facilities at the ASI protected monuments are undertaken by the Archaeological Survey of India. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India also extends financial assistance to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for upgradation of tourist infrastructure at tourist sites and also conservation and refurbishment of monuments. Further, Ministry of Tourism through an ongoing integrated campaign in the electronic and print media creates awareness about the need for protection and preservation of monuments and tourist sites from garbage and graffiti.